



## Youth In Philanthropy Program

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (CFSEA) partners with schools across our region each year for our Youth in Philanthropy (YiP) program.

### **What does the CFSEA do?**

CFSEA is a charitable organization with three main purposes:

We Grow - CFSEA receives donations from the public and invests them

We Give - CFSEA makes grants to support the local charities

We Inspire - CFSEA provides community leadership

CFSEA was founded in 1992 and our first donation was for \$25,000 from our founder and local rancher John Ignatius. We create a lasting legacy in the community by investing all donations permanently and never spending those original dollars. The interest we earn from those investments is what we use to provide grants (for YiP) and to local charities. No donation is too small; all contributions to CFSEA provide an impact to the community forever.

### **What is Philanthropy?**

Philanthropy means generosity in all its forms. It is often defined as giving gifts of “time, talent, and treasure” to help make life better for other people.

### **What is YiP?**

YiP is designed to introduce motivated young people to philanthropy and local community development. The program will give you hands-on experience working as a team and with local charitable organizations. It's a one-of-a-kind experience!

### **What is the process?**

- 1) Form a YiP Committee and Register with the Community Foundation**
  - a. Committees are student-led. They can be stand-alone and extracurricular or take place during class time. Each group needs at least one adult advisor to provide guidance and support.
- 2) Research your communities' greatest needs**
  - a. Committees are encouraged to read the [Vital Signs publication](#) to understand current impact areas.
  - b. Additionally research can be gathered through conversations, news articles, and further statistics.
- 3) Research approximately 3 local charities that interest you and address those needs**

- a. CFSEA will allot a minimum of \$1,000 to your committee for philanthropic giving.
- b. As a committee you decide on your areas of focus, goals, and criteria. You will research charities that meet your criteria and learn more about what they do by visiting them and interviewing people who work there.
- c. Each committee member helps to decide which charity(s) will receive grants, how much money each will receive, and how it will be spent.

**YiP grant-making criteria are as follows:**

- a) ***Grants can only be made to registered charities or qualified donees – review the CRA List of Charities before proceeding***
  - b) ***Projects must benefit the citizens of the area covered by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta.***
- 4) Present your findings to a panel of CFSEA Board/staff/volunteers**
- a. Prepare a presentation for each of the charities you research. This presentation will be given to CFSEA staff and volunteers.
  - b. Select 1 or 2 charities to receive the funds. In your presentation share your findings and recommendations.
  - c. *Submit your Grant Recommendation Form by **May 2<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, to CFSEA*
  - d. You may choose to present your findings to CFSEA first before making a final decision. Contact CFSEA to set up a time to present in-person or virtually.
- 5) Receive funding that you then gift to the charity you have selected**
- a. Work with CFSEA to invite the charity(s) to a cheque presentation to receive the funds between May 2<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>. Media is invited.
  - b. Deadline for YiP Cheque Presentations: **May 30, 2025**
- 6) Mail Thank-You letters to YiP donors (contact information provided by CFSEA)**
- 7) Enjoy how good it feels to give back!**

**Questions? Contact us:**

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**Check it out!**

Youth in Philanthropy resources:

[cfsea.ca/we-give/youth-in-philanthropy/](https://cfsea.ca/we-give/youth-in-philanthropy/)

[YiP Video](#)

[Finding Local Charities](#)